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SUBJ: REPORTED EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN FRANCO
AND HASSAN

1. TWO WELL-PLACED MFA SOURCES STATE THAT FRANCO ABOUT THREE WEEKS AGO RECEIVED PERSONAL LETTER FROM KING HASSAN ON SAHARA DISPUTE. BOTH STATE THAT HASSAN'S LETTER AND FRANCO'S REPLY ARE BEING CLOSELY HELD AND THEY ARE ABLE TO PROVIDE FEW FIRST HAND DETAILS. MFA MIDDLE EAST AFFAIRS DIRECTOR UNDERSTANDS HASSAN LETTER, WHICH RECEIVED NOT LONG AFTER SPANISH MAY 23 INITIATIVE FOR FOUR-POWER CONFERENCE, REPEATS GOM APPEALS FOR BILATERAL SETTLEMENT AND AGAIN HOLDS OUT PROSPECTS OF MOROCCAN FRIENDSHIP AND GENEROUS CONCESSIONS TO SPAIN IN RETURN FOR COOPERATION.

2. MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR EUROPEAN AFFAIRS STATES HE UNDERSTANDS REPLY HAS BEEN DRAFTED AND PROBABLY SENT AND THAT IT REAFFIRMS SPANISH DESIRE FOR CLOSE AND COOPERATIVE WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH KING AND MOROCCAN PEOPLE,
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POLITELY REJECTS APPEAL FOR BILATERAL TALKS, AND REITERATES

SPANISH POSITION ON IMPORTANCE OF TAKING INTO ACCOUNT VIEWS
OF SAHARAN PEOPLE AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES.

3. IN RELATION TO SAHARA SETTLEMENT,MFA MIDDLE EASTERN
AFFAIRS DIRECTOR ALSO TOLD EMBOFF THAT AS OF JUNE 19 THERE
HAD BEEN NO PROGRESS TOWARD CONVOCATION OF QUADRIpartite
MEETING ON SAHARA AND THAT IT WAS NOW UP TO THREE PROS-
PECTIVE NORTH AFRICAN PARTICIPANTS -- NOT SPAIN -- TO WORK
OUT AMONG THEMSELVES QUESTIONS OF WHETHER CONFERENCE COULD
BE HELD AND, IF SO, ITS TERMS OF REFERENCE. HE UNDERSTANDS
THAT CONSULTATIONS AMONG THOSE THREE STATES ARE CONTINUING.
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